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SUBJECT: NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS' MEETING: SPRING 1977

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1. FOLLOWING IS IS-PREPARED DRAFT LIST OF DISCUSSION
TOPICS FOR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 21-22.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE IS NOTE BELOW SUGGESTS THE
ADVISABILITY OF RESTRICTING THE AGENDA TO ONLY A FEW
TOPICS, THE DRAFT LIST STRIKES US AS OVERLY BRIEF. WE
EXPECT OTHER DELEGATIONS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTIONS
FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS. IN LIGHT OF THE DANISH PROPOSALS
(FEF C), MOREOVER, WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE INTERSTT THIS SPRING
IN THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS' MEETING. THE DANISH PROPOSALS
ARE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT A SECOND PRIVATE PERMREPS
MEETING YET TO BE SCHEDULED, AND ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AGNEDA ALSO MAY BE MADE AT THAT
TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON THE DRAFT IS AGENDA BY
FEBRUARY 15.

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4. BEGIN TEXT:

XXIIIRD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

ATTACHED IS A DRAFT LIST OF POINTS PREPARED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR DISCUSSION BY DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AT
THEIR XXIIIRD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WHICH, AS AGREED BY THE
COMMITTEE, WILL TAKE PLACE ON 21ST AND 22ND APRIL. AS IN
PREVIOUS SPRING MEETINGS OF THE DEISARMAMENT EXPERTS, IT SEEMS

ADVISABLE TO RESTRICT THE AGENDA TO ONLY A FEW CENTRAL TOPICS
IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION. DELEGATIONS
ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS ON THE CONTENT
OF THIS LIST AND TO PROVIDE ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.

2. IT IS MY INTENTION TO START DISCUSSION OF THE
AGENDA FOR THE NEXT DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING ON TUDESDAY,
15TH FEBRUARY.

DRAFT LIST OF POINTS

I. PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN SPEICAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

II. CHEMICAL WEAPONS

III. SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE: OUTCOME OF THE WORK OF
THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND MAIN TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED
AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF

IV. HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS

V. TEST BAN ISSUES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CTB

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